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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SHIN KITAMURA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/940,643

Filed: August 29, 2001

For: ELECTRON-EMITTING DEVICE,  
ELECTRON SOURCE, IMAGE-  
FORMING APPARATUS, AND  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
ELECTRON-EMITTING DEVICE  
AND ELECTRON-EMITTING  
APPARATUS

Examiner: NYA

Group Art Unit: 2879

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

A Chinese Office Action (copy enclosed with English translation thereof) has issued in a foreign counterpart application citing CN 1181607A and WO 99/58748A1 as

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references. A copy of CN 1181607A could not be obtained. However, EP 0 836 217 A1 has been identified as an English equivalent of the CN 1181607A reference (See attached Document Bibliography and Abstract for EP0836217). The Chinese Office Action issued not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered. No fee is believed required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement.

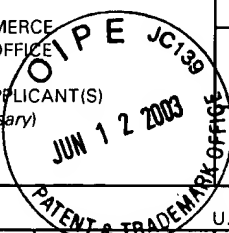
Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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